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SUBJ: FATHER GALDAU'S EMIGRATION "HUNGER STRIKE" PROTEST IN
NYC

REF: STATE 131854

1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON
THAT GOR WAS PREPARED TO GRANT EXIT VISAS RAPIDLY FOR
FAMILIES OF DEMONSTRATORS ON TWO CONDITIONS: (1) THAT THE
DEMONSTRATORS CEASE THEIR DEMONSTRATIONS, (2) THAT THEY CONTACT
THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY AND RENOUNCE THEIR ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP.

2. BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO TELL GLIGA WHAT I HAD HEARD FROM
WASHINGTON (REFTEL) HE ASKED THAT I URGENTLY GET DEPARTMENT'S
ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNICATING TO DEMONSTRATORS ABOVE GOR PROPOSAL.
HE STRESSED THAT GOR IS IN GENERAL PREPARED TO SOLVE HUMANITARIAN
AREA PROBLEMS, BUT WILL NOT GIVE IN TO PRESSURE TACTICS. AT
THE SAME TIME GOR WAS ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY INCIDENT THAT MIGHT MAR
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S STOP IN WASHINGTON. (GLIGA SAID HE
PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS
WERE MOVING TO WASHINGTON TODAY.)

3. I RELATED THE INFORMATION I HAD FROM REFTEL AND PROMISED
TO GET BACK TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH NEWS AS TO
DEMONSTRATORS' REACTION. I SAID I THOUGHT SOME OF THE DEMON-
STRATORS HAD PROBABLY ALREADY TRIED TO RENOUNCE THEIR ROMANIAN
CITIZENSHIP. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE DETAILS
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OF EACH CASE, BUT SAID THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY WOULD BE AUTHORIZED

TO HANDLE THEM ALL IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENABLE THE FAMILY MEMBERS
TO LEAVE ROMANIA SOON.

4. REQUEST NIACT REPLY REPORTING DEMONSTRATORS' REACTION TO
GOR OFFER.
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